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The intrepid traveller might go on foot along the main road towards Adderbury and just before he reaches the Milton turn by the Highways Depot, he might look down into the valley and see in the bottom of the dip what appears to be a dilapidated tin-roofed cow shed. Not so at one time, for this was Deddington's Pest House, an isolation hospital so less for those visited by smallpox. To judge from its size there can have been few creature comforts here - a bed to die in, a fire in the hearth and nothing more probably. The stone cottage stands on land leased by Mr. Sid Canning, who can remember it still in use in the early part of this century for scarlet fever victims.

The Pest House and its surrounding fields is owned and administered by our local Feoffees, or trustees of the Deddington Charity Estates, a body set up in 1612 by Squire Richard Cartwright of Aynho, who generally ran church affairs at that time. Administration of the Estate, which also owned lands to the extent of 43 acres and 21 poles, the Hermitage, Town Hall and Almshouses, was somewhat chequered in the last century, with the result that a new scheme was drawn up in 1856 by the Court of Chancery. Of the story of the Feoffees, more anon. Our present Feoffees are Mr. Seymour Francis, Mr. Charles Fuller, Mr. Kenneth Garrett, the Rev. Richard Hannah, Mr. Edgar Lines and Mr. Robert Stevens.

The pen and ink drawing on this month's cover is by Ted Robinson and the notes by Mary Robinson, who looks forward to having corrections and additions to this sketchy information.

EDITORIAL: The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is now well and truly with us, together with the first frosts and the first positive sighting of Father Christmas.

The unpleasant water however was only with us for a matter of days, the problem now having been resolved and we can once again enjoy a decent cuppa!

Christmas will soon be with us and anyone wishing to pass on seasonal greetings via the Deddington News is asked to get in touch with Jill Heighway (38075).

Mrs. Phillips: We were all, I am sure very sorry to hear that Mrs. Phillips died last month. She had, until her recent retirement, worked in our library for manh years and she will be missed by many.

WHATS ON

8th November	Tree Planting 10 a.m. Council Depot
8th November	Deddington Ladies Christmas Bazaar 2.30 p.m. H.T. Club
9th November	Remembrance Parade 10.30 a.m. in the Bullring
10th November	4th Year Parents Evening, Warriner School
11th November	W.I. Meeting 7.30 p.m. Holly Tree Club - The Elisabeth Singers
11th November	Guides Nearly New Sale and Christmas Cards - 9.15 - 3.15 p.m. Holly Tree Club
	Autumn Fair and Christmas Cards 7 -9 p.m. Wesleyan Hall
12th November	M.U. Broadcasting Day in Oxford 10.45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
	Deddington Ladies H.T.C. 8 p.m. Speaker Mrs. Riley
16th November	Family Service Congregational Church 3 p.m.
22nd November	Playgroup Bazaar - The Hut 2.30 p.m.
1st December	2nd Year Parents Evening - Warriner School
3rd December	5th Year Careers Evening - Warriner School
6th December	Deddington Ladies Senior Citizens Christmas Party 3.30 p.m. List in Post Office

CHURCH CHOIR NEWS

On Saturday, 4th October, twelve children from the Choir swopped their cassocks and gowns for jeans and wellies and, with two dads, three mums and one small brother set off in a minibus plus one car (thanks Maggie!) for a day out walking in the Forest of Dean. After overnight rain the day brightened rapidly and we had perfect weather for our ramble.

We took the High Meadow Woods way marked forest path which led us on a varied and picturesque route with some quite strenuous walking. We crossed the River Wye by means of a slightly "hairy" suspension footbridge (on which some of our trebles attained top C without trying!). This was followed by a very pleasant picnic lunch in warm sunshine on the river bank. After lunch we continued on and up to reach one of the Seven Sisters rocks, from which we had a magnificent view along the Wye Valley, and explored King Arthurs' Caves. We continued down through varied woodland (sustaining ourselves with blackberries and hazelnuts!) and back along the river, which we crossed by ferry - very relaxing! After that it was a long upward haul to the car park, where we flopped gratefully on to the seats by the tea shop which, needless to say, did a roaring trade in drinks and iced lollies! Having demolished the remainder of our food supplies and admired the marvellous view from the Symonds Yat Rock, we set off for home, all pleasantly exhausted! The only casualties of the day were the odd sore toe or heel, and one bruised hand, sustained as its owner lea frogged an inviting tree stump!

It is worth saying here that all the children except one who was unwell, were in Church at 9.15 a.m. for choir practice the following morning, an expression of their loyalty and enthusiasm which is very gratifying, and one that particular morning merited the overlooking of the odd stifled yawn behind the hymn books (and, I suspect, the organ!).

Thanks, Keith and Glyn, for planning the trip, which we all enjoyed very much.

Jane Davies

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE: Commencing 25th November the Mobile library will call on alternate Tuesdays at Clifton 2.50 - 3 p.m. at the Post Box.
As from 27th November it will call alternate Thursdays at Loop Road, Hempton 9.20 - 9.30 a.m. - not 9.20 - 9.30 p.m. as stated last week. Sorry!

THE MAJOR

In English loam neath English sky
Near the linden trees you lie,
A simple stone and convex mound
Mark your place in hallowed ground.

Your fight was short, your battles few,
Yet stir of Schlieffen plan you knew,
And close at hand are names two score
A testament to senseless war.

I knew you not, yet know you well,
Too close perhaps for worlds to tell;
For in the reaches of my sleep
I remember and I weep.

Age does weary you and years condemn
For most successors have no ken;
With me you'll always find a nook
But not in arid history book.

Major Humphrey Willn Chetwode Lloyd D.S.O. M.C. Croix De Guerre, The Wiltshire Regiment is buried in Deddington Churchyard.

Bill Drake

BRITISH LEGION

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9th 1980, REMEMBRANCE PARADE AND SERVICE

The Officers and Committee of the Deddington Branch, Royal British Legion, invite all ex-servicemen and women to join in the Parade and Service on Sunday 9th November 1980.

The Parade will form up in The Bullring at 10.30 a.m. and ready to march off at 10.45 a.m. Arriving at the War Memorial at 10.55 a.m. in readiness for the two minutes silence at 11.00 a.m. This will be followed by the Service in Church. After the Service, the Parade will form up outside the Church, the march past will then take place, the salute being taken by the President of the Branch, Lt. Col. A.D. Taylor D.S.O. M.C. The Parade will then dismiss in the Bullring. All local organisations have been invited to attend Buglers will be in attendance also.

POPPY DAY - Poppy Day collectors will be selling poppies during the week before Remembrance Sunday. It is from this collection that many old ex-servicemen and their dependants are helped by the way of coal and grocery vouchers. Through the year of 1980 vouchers to the value of £1,130 have been distributed to those in need of help in Deddington and district. We have still quite a few ex-servicemen and widows of those who served in the first WORLD WAR 1914 - 19. They are a great age, and we are only too pleased to help them.

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GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE - As usual, this will be arranged on the small green in the Market Place.

Arthur Lewis - Branch Secretary

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The October meeting was held at the Holly Tree Club on the 14th at 7.30 p.m. For once it was a small meeting, only about 20 members being present. A number of the group seemed to be ill, and we were especially sorry to hear about Mrs. Phillip's illness. Members made a collection to take her some flowers, but we have since heard that Mrs. Phillips died. We are very sad about this. Mrs. Phillips was an active member of the W.I. at one time, and its secretary.

During the month two members bravely went to Barford to take part in a quiz. This had been arranged as a Group activity after the success of the last quiz at Bloxham. Five of the Adderbury Group sent representatives and we of Deddington are pleased to be able to report that we came a good second. Mrs. Woolgrove of Barford has suggested that we might make this an annual event, each October, with the various Institutes to take it turns to be hosts - and don't we wish we had a larger hall in our village for such occasions!

After a business meeting we welcomed Dr. J.M. Plowman, who gave an interesting talk on clocks, tracing their history right back to the 13th Century. He told us that the oldest working clock still in existence is now in Salisbury Cathedral, and there for all to see. Dr. Plowman brought some clocks for us to look at, and also kindly judged the month's competition which was for an unusual clock or watch. First prize was won by Mrs. Caporn, Mrs. Busby and Mrs. Perree took second and third prize.

At the end of this month some of us are going to start a cookery course of four sessions, and we look forward to that. The theme which is "Entertaining with Ease" should be of great value. Our president, Mrs. Riley is kindly lending her kitchen for these classes.

The next meeting of the W.I. will be on Tuesday, November 11th at 7.30 p.m. when we shall be entertained by the "Elisabeth Singers",

W.I. Recipe of the Month

Red cabbages are coming into the shops and they are very nice cooked and eaten as a hot vegetable. We always have this dish with our Christmas turkey, and it keeps in the fridge or freezer for weeks.

You need:

1 good sized red cabbage, shredded finely
1 large onion, chopped
2 large cooking apples, peeled and chopped roughly
2 tablespoons of sugar
2 -3 tablespoons of vinegar
milled pepper
salt, a little oil or dripping

METHOD: Glaze the onion in the fat, then add the rest of the ingredients with a little water, just enough to cook in without burning the saucepan. Cook until the cabbage is soft, but not mushy. (5 minutes in pressure cooker, 20 - 30 minutes in saucepan). Add salt to taste, quite a lot is needed, red cabbage is rather bland. Store in fridge, and reheat just enough for each occasion you want it for. It improves on keeping and reheating.

Marianne Elsley

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

How sad the recent death of Mrs. Phillips, our late librarian. Always so kind and helpful to us all, we shall miss her absence from the village. I have much to thank her for over the past few years. After my stay in hospital she often gave me a lift home in her car, with my shopping. Waiting for me to finish at the Co-op store, etc. I pay my respects to a very sweet lady who suffered in silence.

Florence Anderson

DEDDINGTON LADIES

Can we remind you that we will be holding our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 8th November 2.30p.m., Holly Tree Club. All proceeds for our Senior Citizens party. We would like to thank all the local businesses for their tremendous generosity in donating gifts for the sale and the party. We really appreciate your support.

On November 12th our speaker will be Mrs. Riley, talking about her work as a Social Worker. Holly Tree Club 8 p.m.

The bus will leave for the Dinner and Disco at 7 p.m. from the Market Place.

The Senior Citizens party will be on December 6th at 3.30 p.m. The list is in the Post Office.

Jackie Stammers

DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The annual Bazaar was held on Saturday, 25th October, at the Hotel Russell, and thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Russell for once again permitting us to use their premises for the bazaar, and for their help in many other ways.

We are also grateful to Church members, children of the Sunday School, their parents, and the many other friends for the gifts of cakes, produce, groceries, toys, and many other items for the stalls. The stall-holders did an excellent job, and we give a very big "thank-you" to the people who, despite the dismal weather, came along and spent generously thus encouraging and supporting all the efforts made.

We must not forget to thank Father Christmas for his visit. (No doubt his reindeer were surprised at having to start work a little earlier than usual!)

All the help, support and generosity, enabled the sum of £150 to be raised. This will be shared equally by the Sunday School, and Church Building Fund.

Family Service - all parents and children are invited to a Family Service at the above at 3 p.m. on Sunday 16th November in which the children will take part.

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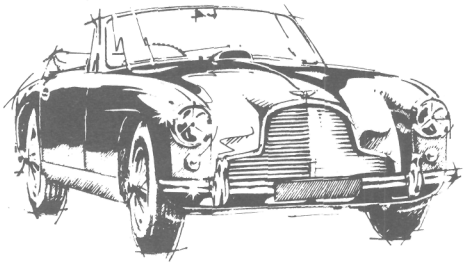

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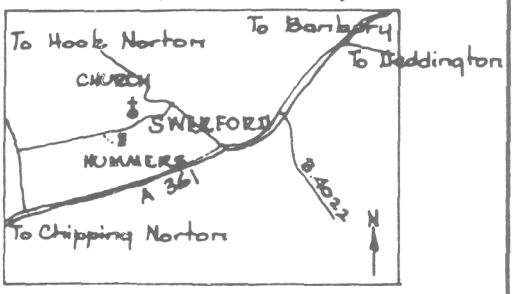

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Our grateful thanks to Mr. A. Mackenzie for the generous donation of a new crossbar.

Rodney Hayward

DEDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB

The A.G.M. was held on October 23rd at Earls Court by courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. C.F. Fuller, Mr. Martin Williams was elected Chairman.

The accounts showed a satisfactory balance of more than £200, a slight rise over last year. Last years' officers were also re-elected, and Mr. Deely was thanked for his expert care of the Green. Entries for next years' county competitions were invited, and the secretary reported on the fixture-list for next season. The Pairs Cup was won by Messrs. Deely and Stewart.

Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Deely and Mr. Williams were thanked for their services and presentations were made to them.

The club would welcome new members who are asked to get in touch with the Secretary, Mr. C.F. Fuller of Earls Court, Earls Lane. Mr. & Mrs. Fuller were warmly thanked for their hospitality.

Frank Crofts

DEDDINGTON RANGERS

Our candles evening was very productive and we will be selling the results at the Guide Autumn Fayre on 11th November.

Liz Gregory joined me on the Base 2 camp at Beanwood over half term. She gained her lightweight camping certificate. It was extremely cold at night; ice in the drinking water in the morning. Your water may have tasted odd that weekend whilst Farmoor Reservoir was being repaired but we were camping on the hill above it and our water came out of the standpipe with orange bits in it. Looked more like orange juice. I won't comment on the flavour!

On Friday 31st October we held a Halloween Disco Bar B Que for the Scouts and Guides. It was extremely successful, plenty of loud music, food and an energetic wide game. Our grateful thanks to Donald Welford for his help in organising the use of the rooms at the Windmill School and providing chickens for us to eat. We would also like to thank Audrey and Brian Fuller for the potatoes. With all the food it was a wonder anybody could dance.

During the rest of the month we will be skating (7 h) tree planting (8th) Remembrance Day Parade (9th) and Guide Sale (11th).

Jackie Stammers

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

There is no special news to report this month. However, we would remind you that we are holding our Christmas Bazaar on November 22nd at 2.30 p.m. in the Playgroup Hut, and trust we can count on your support. We hope Mums will remember to make us a cake, also sweets as there will be an additional sweet stall his year.

The childrens' Christmas Party is to be on Friday, December 12hh from 2.30 - 5.30 p.m. There will be a lady magician coming to entertain the children, which we think they will find most enjoyable.

Sheila Kedge

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

As predicted the day of the Division competition brought torrential rain. However 3 brave Guides, Karen Smith, Claire Cheeseman and Sarah-Jane Kermode turned out as sole representatives of their patrols. They cheerfully had a go at tent-pitching, first-aid, fire-lighting and a quiz in nasty conditions and joined in the rounders tournament in the afternoon. Each of them gained a certificate for their efforts. Well done girls.

A small group of us attended the Harvest Festival Service in Church when Juliette Kellar read - many people commented on how well she read.

We have a very busy week-end ahead, so if your newsletter is a little later than usual please forgive us. We shall be joining the rest of the village in the tree planting and we shall also be at the annual Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 9th November.

Three Guides won places in the District Netball team - Susannah Woodd, Deborah Mullis, Karen Smith and the team was placed third in the final tournament.

We were very pleased to be able to announce to the Guides that Mrs. Jackie Stammers gained her Quarter Masters Certificate and I gained my campers licence as a result of the tests we took at our summer camp. It was very nerve-racking at times for all of us and we could not have got through without the Guides hard work and loyalty. Thank you girls - the results mean that it will be easier for us to camp in the future.

Well done to the following on gaining badges recently: Susannah Woodd, Karen Smith - craft badge, Susannah now qualifies for her Arts & Crafts emblem. Karen and Susannah also passed their Accident Prevention badge. Two very busy girls! Susan Fuller - after four months of helping with Brownies gains her service flash and Susan Nichols is the youngest guide to gain her cooks badge.

Halloween night, saw us, having a whale of a time at our Barbecue. We had chicken and jacket potatoes - thanks to Mr. Donald Welford and Mrs. Audrey Fuller - we got covered, in sugar and soaking wet trying to eat doughnuts on strings, popcorn and bobbing for apples. At the end of the evening no-one wanted to go home! A smashing evening, thank you to everyone for all their hard work - in particular the Stammers and the Rangers.

Maggie Rampley

TREE PLANTING

This is to be h[illegible] SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER AT 10 A.M., ASSEMBLING OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL DEPOT ENTRANCE (just outside Deddington on Banbury road, on left hand side) would those wanting to plant trees please get in touch, trees are provided.

John Scott, Tel. 38296

CHURCH NEWS

I must take time off from writing about births, marriages and deaths, or chistenings, weddings and funerals - fascinating though these subjects are.

From November 10th there will be a new Prayer Book in the Church of England. It is of interest because it will be the first new Prayer Book since 1662, when there was a revision of the very first English Prayer Book of 1549. There was, in fact, a revision in 1928 which was widely used, but which was never authorised by Parliament. The new Book is really new and not just a revision. It is now published with full authorisation, with a specially bound copy for the Queen, and with all the razzamattazz of which the English are so fond.

Visitors looking at Deddington church for the first time ask me "How old is it?" There is no one sentence answer. I might say "There is something in it from every century from 1066 to 1980". My point is that the church building is not a fossil, fixed for ever the way it was at first. It is a living help to worship.

So should the Prayer Book be both ancient and modern. It should have, for instance, a Marriage Service with vows for bride and bridegroom recognisably the same as past vows. But it is hardly sensible for a bridegroom to say today "I plight thee my troth". It was once a good thing to pray for the Queen and her Privy Council at every Communion service. In the 16th century the monarch and the Council did things, while Parliament might not meet for six months. Today the Privy Council closes churchyards and publishes the London Gazette but it does not run the country. It is the Prime Minister and the Government who need prayers. More important, we live in a larger world today. The 1662 Book knew nothing of countries outside the British Isles except as the Queen's enemies. It was a narrow view and a narrow book.

The new book is in more modern English. It is not very attractive English - but that is your fault for no longer speaking the language of Shakespeare. The Prayer Book should reflect us as we are, not as we ought to be - though there are limits to this.

One point stands out. There is much more variety in the new book. All through, there is a choice between prayers.

Lastly, the old Prayer book is still valid, and will be used for some time until our present copies wear out. The new book is hardly cheap at £4.60. We hope that individuals will buy their own copies. If anyone would like me to get a copy for them, I will gladly do so.

Richard Hannah

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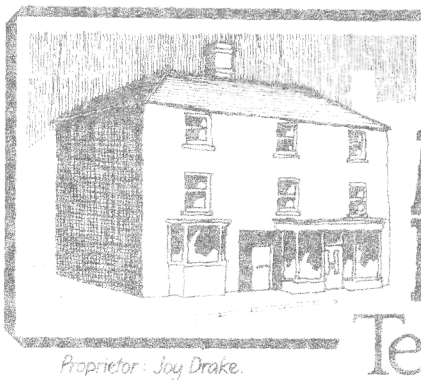

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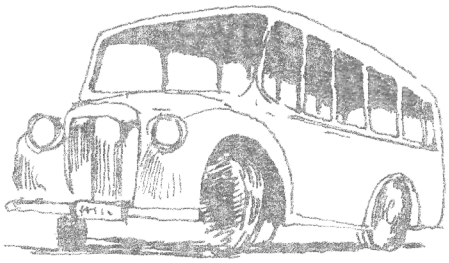

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MOTHERS UNION

A large group of us crowded into the Vicarage for our discussion on "What do you believe".

It was an enjoyable and thought provoking session with many people having some most interesting points of view. The discussion was led by Mrs. Jean Ward - our thanks to her for the preparation she put into it and to Mrs. Pat Hannah for her hospitality.

We have an afternoon meeting next week and then begin Christmas preparations.

Date to remember - Broadcasting day in Oxford, Wednesday 12th November at 10.45 a.m. - 3 p.m. Details on notice board in church porch or from me.

Maggie Rampley

HEMPTON NEWS

The last few weeks and months have seen various comings and goings in the village. A number of new families have moved in and several familiar faces are no longer around. Mr. & Mrs. Dabbs have moved from "Fairview" by the Gap, to Twyford near Adderbury, and Mr. & Mrs. Walpole have left St. John's Way for Bodicote. Mr. Walpole served as Treasurer to the Residents' Association a few years ago.

We were also sorry to lose Miss Vulliamy, who died in Oxford back in the summer. She had travelled widely in various parts of the world and took a personal interest in a number of charities, especially those concerned with overseas relief and prisoners of conscience.

The Annual Meeting of the Residents' Association took place at the end of September, and apart from reviewing the year's activities and electing a new Committee, various matters of concern and interest were discussed.

The meeting asked that a letter be sent to the police requesting occasional speed traps; the speed of traffic passing through the village continues to cause concern.

There is no immediate chance of a solution to the need of a play space for the younger children. The meeting felt that the older ones were quite able to make use of the Castle Grounds, but younger children could make use of those facilities only when their parents could take them; there is, of course, no pavement between Hempton and Deddington.

At a later meeting called to discuss the possible revival of the Youth Club, it was decided to hold a first meeting for the 11+ age group in November.

After a successful revival of the event last year we are looking forward to the celebration of Guy Fawkes Night on November 5th. By kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Moyce, we will again be holding the bonfire and firework evening at "Manteg", Duns Tew Road and will begin at 6.30 with a competition for the best Guy.

John Webber

DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Most people in Deddington will already know that this church had its centenary celebrations during September this year. Extensions to the building itself have, during the last few months, taken the form of a new kitchen and toilet facilities; these became operational just in time for the celebration.

During the month of September, we were privileged to have visits from both a Birmingham Choir and a Witney Choir. The members of both these choirs were from many Christian denominations.

I have been appointed minister of this church as from 27th September last (the church has not had its own minister for some 25 years); but since we have all known each other for about that same period there are not likely to be any great surprises for them or for me.

My religious career has been quite varied. I began as a C of E organist in 1949 and have, in addition to playing organ, preached in some sixty-two churches and chapels in England and Wales. These have ranged from Salvation Army, Assembly of God, C of E, R.C. Convent, Baptist, Wesleyan, Methodist, Capel Annibynwyr, Capel Bedyddwgr, Calfiniaeth Methodistiaid, U.R.C. From this list it will be obvious that, as well as being evangelical, I am truly ecumenical.

The provisional programme for this chapel is that I conduct communion service on the first Sunday of month, and then to conduct a family service on the third Sunday of the month. The remaining alternate Sundays will be filled by guest speakers from as many of the other denominations as is practicable. From time to time I hope to visit Wales as an evangelist, when I am not particularly needed to preach at home.

We hold a Bible Study each Friday evening at 7.30, conducted by myself on the alternate weeks only. This is followed by a fairly short prayer meeting, when we pray that God will bless our Wesleyan and Anglican friends as well as ourselves, particularly the service to be held on the following Sunday at all three places of worship. We also like to bring before God any in special trouble, the seriously ill, those held hostage, earthquake victims, war-torn areas - just to mention a few of the people in distress.

We believe that God cares about the welfare of all people, both in body and in soul, and we pray accordingly. We also meet to do this on Fridays at 6.00 p.m. in St. James Parish Church, here in Somerton where I live.

We within the Congregationist discipline claim no monopoly for having the Gospel message. It is much too big to restrict such good news to any one single group. It is my desire and prayer that God will send a revival to Deddington, so that people will once more throng our Church and Chapel here, filling them to capacity, and having a great desire to hear the Word of God.

In this age in which we live there is only one class of people who can be optimistic, and they are those who have put their trust in God, and have centred their whole life-style upon him.

May God bless each one of you. Do come and join one or other of the three Christian Churches in Deddington.

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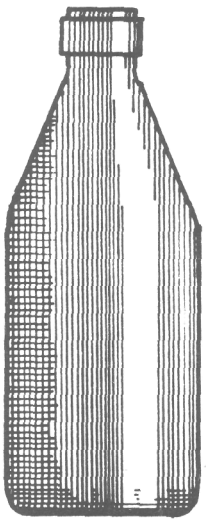

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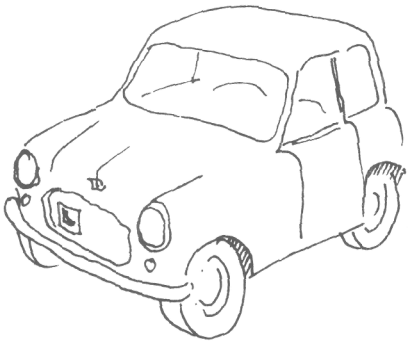

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TOYS

All councillers were present and John Webber was co-opted to fill the vacancy.

High Street/New Street Lighting: Monty Spencer reported on a census which had been carried out in the village by some members of the P.C. The result showed 564 in favour of a Trunk Road Lighting scheme and 60 against. Residents on the main road voted 79 for and 24 against. Several residents had written to Neil Marten saying they were in favour of a T.R.L.S. Their letters had been forwarded by him to the Department of Transport. A proposal that a letter be written to Mr. Marten demanding an apology for his action in supporting the views of a minority of people was approved by eight votes to four.

Lottery Fund Applications: Councillers supported applications by the Playgroup and the Deddington News for support in their proposed application for a grant from the Cherwell District Lottery Fund.

Jane Rose

THE WARRINER SCHOOL

P.T.A. Committee 1980/81: Mr. M. Ruddock, Head (President). Mrs J. Burdon Epwell (Chairman). Mr. J. Burdon, Deddington (Vice Chairman). Mrs. Rita Mortimer, Bloxham (Secretary). Mr. D. Southcomb, Staff (Treasurer), Mr. R. Birch, Bloxham. Mrs G. Osborn, Bloxham. Mrs. M. Hodge, N. Aston. Mr. K. Whyman, Adderbury. Staff committee members - Mrs. N. Cummins, Miss C. Gyde, Mrs. J. Durme, Mr. Richard Fa mer.

Autumn Dance - 11th October: Those who attended (approximately 120) enjoyed a pleasant evening with good food and music - £60 was added to P.T.A. funds. (It is unfortunate that this event clashed with Deddington's Harvest Supper).

Christmas Fayre - 29th November: In view of the shortage of items for sale at the Summer fete I would appeal to anyone with suitable items, especially cakes, unwanted gifts, handicrafts etc. to contact me or any other committee member.

Programme for 1981: This was the main item for discussion at the P.T.A. meeting on 30th October. One item which will be included is an "Any Questions" evening. An opportunity for parents of children at the Warriner or whose children will be 'first' years in Autumn 1981 to ask questions to an invited panel. The programme for 1981 will be available in December.

Mr. Southcomb's squash tournament is "off the ground" and a cup will be presented tt the Valentine's Dance next year. As treasurer and a lively committee member he is also organising a "200 Club". Details later.

I am pleased to report encouraging responses from Deddington parents re matters which they feel should be discussed in committee. One of the items of concern was the recent day off given to children due to the inadequate heating caused by technical problems in converting the boilers from oil to gas. I can assure parents that the headmaster did not make this decision lightly. The major problem was the combination of extremely cold weather and very wet weather. I am satisfied that the decision was the right one under the unusual circumstances which are unlikely to recur.

I have recommended that parents of 2nd year pupils should receive the first year reports prior to the discussion with tutors to give them time to study the contents.

I am informed that parents of 2nd years upwards will be given an opportunity of discussion with subject teachers the progress made by their children.

Next P.T.A. meeting December 8th - please contact me with any problems/suggestions.

John Burdon

MOTHER AND TODDLERS GROUP

Our fund raising morning held on 7th October was most successful. Despite a very blustery day we raised £26.00. Thanks are, due to all those who helped on the day and of course those who came along to support us.

It's been encouraging to see some new faces at our weekly gatherings and I hope they feel welcome.

Toni Symes

DEDDINGTON PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

A good attendance at the A.G.M., together with a varied selection of cheeses and wine, ensured a successful first meeting of the 'new year'. A committee of full compliment of members was duly selected, and things are now under way, organising our programme of events and projects for the coming year.

The quiz at the Christopher Rawlins School was most enjoyable, particularly as our team won, although in fairness to the others, the match was open right up to the final round! Your team has accepted an invitation to meet a team from Tackley P.T.A. Do watch this space and your children's bags, for further details.

This years committee: Nina Fairns, Pat Jones, June Kellar, Linsey Ladbroke, Dianne Vass, Julie Webber, Brian Bond, Roger Evans, Alan Homes, Mr. Duxbury, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. Terry.

Paul Broadgate

NATURE NOTES

October has been rather wet but the last few days have been fine and sunny and just what Autumn should be, a truly lovely time of the year which can be appreciated by all the senses. The crunch of fallen leaves, the chatter of starlings, the smell of bonfires, the sight of autumn colouring, the feeling of warm autumn sun and so much more. It is a time to clean up the garden and put it "to bed" for the winter. To find conkers amongst the fallen horse chestnut leaves is not just a childish joy, surely, nor to feel the shiny brown nut in your pocket as you walk about.

A couple of weeks ago a gaggle of geese came flying up the valley when I was walking along the canal. The hedgerow fruits are making good meals for our winter visiting redwings and fieldfares, and when the really cold weather comes they will be glad to find any left over windfall apples in our gardens.

And so to November. Thomas Hood says:

> No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
> No comfortable feel in any member -
> No share, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
> No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds, -
> November!

I wonder!

Pat Hannah

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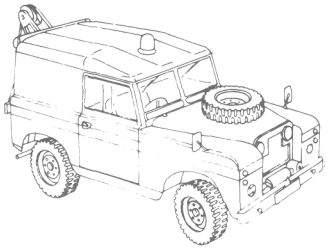

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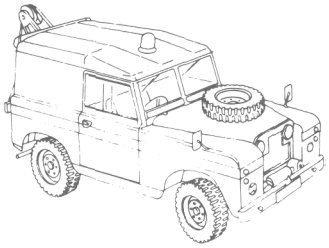

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